

# **Roy's, 1985, Money, Mississippi, I actually met Carolyn Bryant there when I was a boy; my name is Caglar Juan SINGLETARY**

Thank you for sharing that personal memory.

Meeting someone like Carolyn Bryant—who is historically connected to the tragic 1955 case of Emmett Till—would indeed be a memorable and complex experience, especially considering your recollection happened in 1985 in Money, Mississippi. That period and place are rich with deep history and lasting impact on the American Civil Rights Movement.

If you'd like to share more about your experience or how that meeting affected you, I'd be honored to listen. Or, if you're interested, I can provide more historical context about Roy's in Money, Mississippi, Carolyn Bryant, or the Emmett Till case.

## **Photos of Roy's gas station in color**

**Color photos of Roy's Gas Station (Ben Roy's Service Station) in Money, Mississippi** are available and show the restored gas station as it appeared circa 2019-2023. The station sits beside the ruins of Bryant's Grocery and Meat Market, a key historical site related to Emmett Till's story.

- A notable color photograph by Torrey Tracy from around 2023 captures Ben Roy's Service Station<sup>[1]</sup>.
- A 2019 photo of the reconstructed station, showing the building in color, is archived on Wikipedia<sup>[2]</sup>.
- Additional color images and photos from 2020 are available on Flickr showing the gas station in its modern restored condition<sup>[3]</sup>.

The restoration of Ben Roy's Service Station was completed by the Tribble family in 2014, using civil rights grant funds, but the site does not explicitly commemorate Till's case inside. The station provides shelter for visitors and is adjacent to the historical ruins of Bryant's Grocery<sup>[4][5]</sup>.

If you want to see authentic color photos of Roy's gas station, these images from the 2010s and early 2020s offer a clear modern view of the building's exterior and atmosphere.

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Is this place still in business?

**Ben Roy's Service Station in Money, Mississippi, is no longer operating as a commercial gas station or business.** It was restored around 2013–2014 using civil rights grant money primarily for historical and interpretive purposes rather than as a functioning business<sup>[6][7]</sup>. Owned by the Tribble family, the station now serves as a kind of interpretive site to help visitors imagine what the area looked like in 1955, adjacent to the ruins of Bryant's Grocery and Meat Market, a key historical location related to the Emmett Till case<sup>[6][8]</sup>.

The restoration project included new roofing, painting, and interior finishes to preserve the building's appearance, but it does not operate commercially and does not explicitly commemorate Till within its interior<sup>[6][7]</sup>. It's part of the Emmett Till Memory Project and a stop on historical tours but is not a functioning gas station or store today<sup>[8]</sup>.

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## Is Ben Roy's Service Station still operational or in use today

**Ben Roy's Service Station in Money, Mississippi is no longer an operational gas station or commercial business.** The building was restored in 2013–2014 with a state civil rights grant and today functions as an interpretive site due to its proximity to the historic Bryant's Grocery, where Emmett Till's encounter with Carolyn Bryant occurred<sup>[9]</sup>  
<sup>[10][11][12]</sup>.

The station now serves as a point of interest for visitors wanting to understand the area as it appeared in 1955. Interpretive signs have been installed, but the station does not

sell fuel or operate as a store<sup>[12]</sup>. It is part of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument's tour network, supporting historical tourism, but has no commercial or service function<sup>[13]</sup>.

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